

Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
March 2013
US Summary

Programs	Mar 2012	Feb 2013	Mar 2013
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	46,405	47,558	47,727
Average Benefit (\$)	\$133.20	\$132.54	\$132.86
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	31,636	31,114	30,384
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,510	21,899	21,239
Percent Free/Reduced Price	67.99%	70.38%	69.90%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	27,669	24,775	24,373
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	12,938	13,094	13,163
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	10,877	11,112	11,139
Percent Free/Reduced Price	84.07%	84.86%	84.62%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	49,880	42,949	46,802
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	125,665	116,496	121,156
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,064	5,284	5,750
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.07%	78.86%	78.84%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	8,882	8,611	8,560
Average Benefit (\$)	\$44.61	\$43.49	\$42.57
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	593	579	583
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$27.18	\$22.12	\$21.78
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$21.78	\$18.07	\$17.30
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	76	71	73
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$4,273	\$4,145	\$4,244
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$115,597	\$113,501	\$116,131
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$380	\$2,180	\$2,239
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$28,315	\$67,096	\$76,148

March 2013 participation in SNAP was over 47.7 million persons, an increase of over 1.3 million persons (2.8 percent) from March 2012.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 8.5 million persons in March 2013, a decrease of 322 thousand persons from the March 2012 participation level.

